

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)
)
Section 63.71 Application of)
MCI Communications Services, Inc.,)
d/b/a Verizon Business Services) File no.
)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934, As)
Amended To Discontinue the Provision of)
Service)

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF
MCI COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC, d/b/a VERIZON BUSINESS SERVICES**

MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services (“Verizon Business”) submits this Application for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules to discontinue interstate private line DS0 service (64 kbps or less) (“DS0 Private Line”). Verizon Business plans to grandfather DS0 Private Line and to continue to serve existing customers for at least the term of their contracts.

As Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission’s rules require, Verizon Business provides the following information:

1. Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71 (a)(1), (b)(2)):

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2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

Subject to the Commission’s authorization, on or after November 4, 2013, Verizon Business will no longer accept new orders for DS0 Private Line. Existing customers may retain their DS0 Private Line service in accordance with their contracts’ terms and conditions. Verizon Business

will continue to accept orders for moves, adds, or changes to existing DS0 Private Line service, in accordance with contractual terms and conditions. Verizon Business will continue to provide DS0 Private Line on a month-to-month basis after the expiration of the customers' contracts, until Verizon Business discontinues DS0 Private Line completely or until the customers terminate service. Month-to-month customers initially will be able to submit orders for moves, adds, or changes. At some point after the Commission grants this application, but before Verizon Business discontinues DS0 Private Line, Verizon Business intends to no longer accept orders for moves, adds, or changes. Verizon Business will provide customers with at least 60 days' written notice before it stops accepting orders for moves, adds, or changes.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

Subject to the Commission's authorization, Verizon Business will discontinue these services in the contiguous 48 states, as well as in Hawaii and the District of Columbia where it provides these services.

4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(4), (b)(2)):

Private line DS0 service (64 kbps or less) is a point-to-point communications channel that offers voice, video, and data services over non-switched, non-usage sensitive dedicated facilities. The service offers two-way simultaneous transmission. The proposed discontinuance covers the following Verizon Business products: Metro Private Line and U.S. Private Line. The terms and conditions under which Verizon Business offers Metro Private Line and U.S. Private Line are available on the Internet in Verizon Business's Service Publication and Price Guide as follows:

http://www.verizonenterprise.com/external/service_guide/reg/cp_access_mpls_metro_private_line_service.htm.

http://www.verizonenterprise.com/external/service_guide/reg/cp_uspl_us_private_line_services.htm.

Verizon Business has always offered DS0 Private Line on a non-dominant basis and has not tariffed the services at least since the Commission adopted its de-tariffing rules more than ten years ago. Verizon Business's DS0 Private Line is not an incumbent LEC service.

Verizon Business is discontinuing DS0 Private Line because demand for it is declining as the marketplace moves to next-generation technologies that provide higher bandwidths, a wider range of applications, and greater value. Customers can choose from many alternative services, including Private IP service, Ethernet services, and private-line services that other providers currently offer, including carriers affiliated with Verizon Business. Consequently, the public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this discontinuance.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):

Verizon Business sent notices to affected customers by a combination of U.S. Mail and overnight courier on or before September 3, 2013. Copies of the notices are attached as Exhibit A.

Verizon Business is sending copies of this Application by first class U.S. Mail to the governor and public utilities commission for each affected state as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

Verizon Business is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

CONCLUSION

Verizon Business respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully submitted

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 3rd day of September, 2013, I served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following parties on the attached service list.

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